

WHY ARE WE HERE?

In accordance with the recently executed Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Programmatic Agreement, the City will meet with the community to discuss Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP).

The meeting will focus on:

- Defining TCP and how it applies to the Project
- Identifying how information is collected and evaluated
- Discussing potential sources of information and locations
- Outlining how information will be used in the future

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the City have executed a Programmatic Agreement as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). As part of the FTA's and the City's environmental analysis process, they have identified one TCP, the Chinatown Historic District. As part of the Programmatic Agreement, the FTA and the City agreed with the consulting parties to undertake a study to determine if there are other previously unidentified TCPs within the area of the corridor.

Properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization may be determined to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register. NHPA Section 101(d)(6)(A)

WHAT ARE TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES?

A property that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register because of its association with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that are:

- Rooted in that community's history, and
- Important in maintaining the continuing cultural identity of the community

The National Park Service, which maintains the list of National Historically Registered Properties, has provided guidance about properties of traditional religious and cultural importance. *From the National Register Bulletin 38: Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties, 1998.*

HOW ARE TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES EVALUATED?

TCPs must meet four National Register criteria: Events, People, Design/Construction, and Informational Potential. For a TCP to be found eligible for the National Register, it must meet the existing criteria for eligibility as a building, site, structure, object, or district. The integrity of location, setting, design, or materials is another factor that is considered in determining eligibility.

WHO DECIDES ELIGIBILITY AND HOW?

The Federal Transit Administration is required to make eligibility determinations in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer and any Native Hawaiian Organizations that attaches religious and cultural significance to any identified properties.



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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. ARE THERE PLACES ALONG OR NEAR THE PROJECT AREA THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH CULTURAL PRACTICES OR BELIEFS THAT ARE ROOTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY AND ARE IMPORTANT IN MAINTAINING THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF YOUR COMMUNITY?

- If so, what is the nature of these places? Are they man made places, natural places, both?
- Are these places associated with specific events or figures in the history or beliefs of your community?
- Are these places in use by the community now or has their use been discontinued?
- Are these uses limited to just the places in the project area or can the same kinds of uses be practiced elsewhere?
- Could these places, and the use of these places by your community, be impacted by the project?

2. WHO ARE THE BEST PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO TALK TO AND LEARN ABOUT THESE PLACES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP IN IDENTIFYING THESE PEOPLE?

- Are there researchers/ethnographers/cultural practitioners that you trust and can recommend for this project?
- Do you have any concerns about the process of consultation to identify properties that are of religious and cultural importance to your community?

Confidentiality

We are aware that many tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations have belief systems that require the location and even the existence of traditional religious and cultural properties not be divulged. Section 304 of NHPA permits federal agencies to withhold sensitive information from public disclosure when releasing that information might "create a substantial risk of harm, theft or destruction."

